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MINING, MINERAL AND GEOLOGICAL LAW. A treatise on the law of the United States involving Geology, Mineralogy and allied sciences, as mining, real estate, public land, United States customs and other litigation. Also the acquisition and maintenance of mining rights in the public domain and obtaining patents for mineral land under the United States mining laws. By Charles H. Shamel, M. S., LL. B., A. M., Ph. D. 1907. London and New York: Hill Publishing Co. Pp. xxx, 627.

The law is the only profession whose practitioner may be called upon at any time to show himself familiar with the principles and details of any art, science or business whatsoever. To make it at all possible for the lawyer to do this, text books have been written upon a number of the arts and sciences in their legal aspects. The most familiar of these are the works on medical jurisprudence. The present work is a treatise on those aspects of geology which may be of use to the lawyer when considering mining questions, and to the mine owner when considering legal questions.

Adequate works of this two-faced kind are as rare as are men eminent in two professions, but the present book is thoroughly adequate.

The main portion of the book is occupied with the discussion of the various theories of vein formation and to this end all the latest authorities are cited. As is pointed out, the proper theory of the formation of ore deposits is very important in many litigations. The law peculiar to mining rights is then set out.

About a third of the volume is occupied by an appendix which includes the United States mining laws and land office regulations, State and Territorial mining laws, a bibliography and an elaborate table of rock classification and geological formations. The State statutes given are only those of the Western mining States, and are limited to those laws concerning property rights in mines and mining claims. The police statutes are omitted. The full bibliography is one of the features of this work, which is all too seldom met with in books of this class.

This work ought at once to become standard in its department.

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